

Manchester Building Society Community Fund

Fund criteria

The **Manchester Building Society Fund** welcomes applications from community groups based in any of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

This Fund will focus on supporting projects that promote:

- **Financial literacy:** offering education and guidance on budgeting, debt management, and money-handling skills with the aim of supporting a broad range of people at risk of financial hardship and enhance overall financial wellbeing.
- **Work & Education:** Supporting a broad range of people into or back into the workplace with activities which help to develop communication, teamwork and other life/work skills.

Who can apply?

The **Manchester Building Society Fund** aims to encourage and support grassroots community organisations. This means small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage people to get involved as volunteers and who just need a bit of financial help to be able to work with their community in the way they'd like.

Please note: For this programme, only formally registered organisations are able to apply. Due to the level of funding available, constituted community groups who are not registered as a recognised not-for-profit organisation such as a Charity/CIO/CIC Ltd by Guarantee., are not eligible. Organisations must also be able to evidence a strong track record of delivering activity that meets the core criteria.

Applicants must be based in one of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester and have an annual income of less than **£150,000**.

How much can you apply for?

The maximum award request that will be considered is **£2,500**.

What can you apply for?

Local groups understand how they can best work in their communities, so we don't want to limit the type of request you can make. You just need to let us know what you want to do and what positive things your activity will provide for those in your community.

At this time, the Manchester Building Society Fund is particularly keen to see applications from projects that support access to work and education as well as financial education. These projects can support people at any stage of their employability journey, for example:

- Projects that offer education and guidance on personal finance management
- Projects that support a wide range of people with debt management advice and budget management skills
- Volunteering opportunities in the community
- Activities that teach transferable skills such as working in a team or leadership roles
- Supporting individuals with education and skills gaps

can't apply for?

Unfortunately, there are a few things that can't be funded, such as activities that have already taken place or been paid for, contributions to major appeals, activities promoting political or religious beliefs and activity which should be provided by statutory services.

If you're not sure if we could consider your application for funding, please contact a member of the Forever Manchester Communities Team, email awards@forevermanchester.com and we'll be happy to help.

Supporting Documents

For help and guidance on your groups supporting documents and to see what we require to be submitted alongside your application, please refer to our guidance which you can find here: [For Supporting Information](#)

Please note that this information forms part of the Fund guidance and should be read in full before you start the application form.

If you have any questions or have trouble filling this in, please contact us at awards@forevermanchester.com or phone **0161 214 0940**.

Our Frequently asked questions (**FAQs**) provide further information about our funding programmes, who can apply and the application process [Funding FAQ's - Forever Manchester](#)